Amendment of Rent Control Act and Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 1277. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHA-RAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of certain major decisions' suggestions made at the recent Conference of All India Council of Mayors and Local Government Organisations particularly with regard to the amendment of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if so, the steps taken to consider the suggestions and implement them; and

(c) what steps are being taken to amend the Rent Control Act in view of the rising costs of services provided by Local Government Organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amendment of the Urban Land Ceiling Act is under consideration of the Government.

(c) The Delhi Rent Control Act has been amended in order to provide for periodic valuation of rented properties and to exempt buildings fetching rent more than Rs. 3,500- per month.

Better Quality of Pig Iron

1278. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHA-RAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a ract that there is an urgent-need of better-quality of Pig Iron to produce standard castings and thus improve our foundries; and

(b) whether any study has been undertaken by Government to improve our present quality of pig iron by adoption of latest process control techniques, effective use of laboratories etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL TOTEDAR):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. In pursuance of this need Government have already sanctioned a project for manufacture of low phosphorous pig iron.

Restructuring of Ministry of Urban Development

1279. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a task force to examine the possibility of restructuring the Ministry of Urban Development;

(b) whether the National Commission on Urbanisation had suggested to restructure and have a separate urban poverty alleviation division;

(c) if so, by when the proposed task fotce will submit its report; and

(d) the details of the aspects and to what extent the poor people are likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

A copy of the order constituting the task force, its terms of reference etc. is enclpsed. *(See* statement below)

(b) Yes,

(c) It is expected to submit a report within three months.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement

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The National Commission on Urbanisation have commented extensively on the present institutional arrangement for